

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees Charles Elwell, David Field, Timothy Jabaut and John Sawers

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Sean Ryan, and Tina Ryan

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm.

RE: Minutes

Trustee Sawers noted a correction to the minutes on page three (3). A motion was made and seconded by the same Trustee. The Clerk noted the correction.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to adopt the minutes from the October public hearing and regular monthly meeting as printed noting the correction on page three (3). Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Works Supervisor – Art Rilands

A copy of the report is on file with these minutes.

Village Hall: Art shared with the Board his idea of doing repairs to the shed off the back of the Village Hall. He would like to concrete the small building and install a new overhead door. Further discussion took place and it was agreed if the building was to be used regularly it needed to be in better condition. Discussion also took place regarding the old steam radiators. The Clerk was instructed to place them for sale on craigslist and e-bay.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to concrete the floor of the Village Hall shed and install a new overhead door. Unanimously carried.

Sewer: An old sewer pump was sent out to be rebuilt. The pumps that were installed with the improvement project 3 years ago are already having issues. They are the same brand as the older ones, however are not lasting as nearly as long. Older version lasted 20 years and the new only are past their 18 month warranty and are having problems.

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Field to purchase a new spare sewer pump and to have the additional older pumps rebuilt. Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire Department

No report was provided.

RE: Reading Center Director – Dodie Baker

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The Reading Center is operating well and many residents are utilizing it.

RE: Water Improvement Project

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Mayor Bagley shared with the residents of Shale Beach Drive that the water project will be advertised for bids on November 21st and bids will be opened on December 22nd. The Town of Gorham Planning Board briefly reviewed the project at their most recent meeting and all parties agreed the Village was still operating under the earlier approval. The project had not grown and the footprint of the building was now smaller.

Sean Ryan asked about the color of the roof. Mayor Bagley shared there will be 3 color choices in the bidding process. He is not sure of the final color choice at this time. Once bids are opened he will call for a meeting with the residents of Shale Beach Drive and will review the final details at that time. Mr. Ryan shared that he and the other neighbors would like to plant additional shrubbery and need permission to be on the property. Mayor Bagley said they would address that at a later time, more towards the end of the construction process. A final question was asked regarding construction staging. Mayor Bagley said all staging will be on the property and down the driveway. None will be on Shale Beach Drive. The Ryan's thanked the Board for their time and said they look forward to the meeting with the Village in January after bids are opened.

RE: DOT – Sidewalk Maintenance

NYS Department of Transportation is planning to install sidewalks along the south side of Route 245 from the Valley Elementary School to the existing sidewalk, approximately 600 feet inside the Village limits. NYS DOT would like the Village to agree to maintain and repair the 600 feet of sidewalks inside the Village. The Town of Middlesex will be responsible for the remaining stretch.

Public Works Supervisor Art Rilands expressed concern over the Village agreeing to maintain and repair the sidewalks. He shared the sub-base the sidewalks will be built on does not contain the proper materials for sidewalk construction. The cattails and sod were not removed when the ditches were filled in. The ground will settle and the sidewalks will be damaged. They will not be 30 year sidewalks.

Discussion took place regarding the project as a whole. NYS DOT needs the Village to agree to maintain the sidewalks or they will not get the funding for the project. The Board agreed to adopt the resolution and agreement as requested but to include a letter expressing Art's concerns.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize Mayor Bagley to sign the maintenance agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation for 600 feet of sidewalk however the Village will include a letter expressing their concerns about the construction of the base and sidewalks. Unanimously carried.

RE: Relevy of Unpaid Taxes

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Elwell to relevy the unpaid 2011 Village taxes to the appropriate county as provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer and Tax Collector. Unanimously carried.

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RE: 2012 Village Elections

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to declare the 2012 Election Day to be Tuesday, March 20th and that the Office of Mayor, a four term, and the Office of (2) Trustees, both four year terms, will be voted upon on that day. Unanimously carried.

RE: Fire Protection Agreement – Town of Gorham

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize Mayor Bagley to sign the 2012 Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Gorham. Unanimously carried.

RE: Reading Center Agreement – Town of Gorham

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize Mayor Bagley to sign the 2012 Reading Center Agreement with the Town of Gorham. Unanimously carried.

RE: 2011/2012 Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize the list of budget transfers for the 2011/2012 fiscal year to be performed as provided by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Unanimously carried.

RE: Sidewalk Plan

Tabled for future discussion.

RE: Property Tax Cap

The Clerk shared with the Board that the tax cap is not actually a 2% fixed number. The Comptroller's Office has developed a formula to use that accounts for several items including population growth, pending litigation and retirement contributions. The Village's tax cap limit is actually over 3%. Discussion took place regarding the State mandated tax cap and the Board came to the decision they did not need to over ride the tax cap with a local law.

RE: Sewer Unit Schedule

Tabled for future discussion.

RE: Sidewalk Letters

The Board reviewed the letters drafted by the Clerk and Public Works Supervisor to send to the business owners and homeowners who had new sidewalks installed in front of their properties. The Village will remove snow in the morning and during the day if significant accumulation occurs. Letters were approved for mailing.

RE: Bills

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in amount of \$11,617.69, noting \$0.53 had

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already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Elwell and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the capital project bills in amount of \$332.50. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Field to authorize payment of the cemetery bills in amount of \$8,324.00. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Field and seconded by Trustee Sawers to authorize payment of the water bills in amount of \$10,017.52 noting \$370.56 had already received payment due either to prior authorization or a due date prior to the board meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Sawers and seconded by Trustee Jabaut to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$8,483.17. No prior payments were made. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Jabaut and seconded by Trustee Sawers to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer